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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. This Amendment merely deletes references in the specification to pending applications, and replaces those references with references to the issued patents that have matured from the formerly pending applications. Accordingly, this Amendment does not require substantive examination.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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